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For : EXTERNAL PREPARATION FOR SKIN AND METHOD OF USING THE SAME

**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 27, 2007 setting a one month shortened statutory period for response until December 27, 2007.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until January 28, 2008 (January 27, 2008 being a Sunday), and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason any extension of time and/or government fee is necessary to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 6.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction are respectfully requested in view of the remarks presented herein.